

SENATE BILL 1191

By Black

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71,
Chapter 5, Part 1, relative to medical assistance.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-144(b)(1), is amended by deleting the current language in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(1) It must be required in order to diagnose or treat an enrollee's medical condition. The convenience of an enrollee, the enrollee's family, or a provider, shall not be a factor or justification in determining that a medical item or service is medically necessary. Inpatient rehabilitation services which are aimed at restoring, improving or preventing further loss of an individual's functional capabilities after an acute illness or injury has been treated and stabilized shall be considered a requirement for the treatment of an enrollee's medical condition;

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring